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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE JUNE 11, 2013 MEETING Approved July 10, 2013

Present: Andrew Fischer, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Brucie Moulton.

Absent: Kathleen Bodie, Adam Chapdelaine, Dan Dunn, Bruce Fitzsimmons, David Haas, Jane Howard, Gordon Jamieson, John Leone, Cheryl Miller, Charlotte Milan, Angela Olszewski, Tarajee Pass.

Minutes: The April minutes were accepted with revisions; the May minutes were accepted as presented.

Insurance study: Andrew presented his proposal for a study of how much people pay for car and home insurance vs. how much their claims amount to, to see if a Town-based system may be cheaper. He proposes to try it out in Precinct 6 before going Town-wide. We discussed whether this should be called a Vision 2020 project and agreed that it should rather be labeled as a study that will be reported to Vision 2020. It could be described as an exploration of new ways of Town financing and community control.

Census survey: A total of 4458 replies were received, 4026 on paper and 432 on-line. Josh used his computer to show correlations between various data, and we discussed what information would be most useful to present, e.g. in a newspaper article or on the Town website.

Town Day, September 21: The Vision 2020 booth would benefit from a redesign to attract more people and present information better. Mary will draft an e-mail to the Diversity. Fiscal Resources, and Environment task groups and the Public Art committee asking for representatives to a working group to redesign the booth.

Year-end event, June 20: The speaker will be Shelly Dein rather than Ryan Katofsky.

Symmes: The new town houses are expected to go on sale lat this week or next week.